(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Welfare Schemes for Backward Areas

2680. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether some commercial banks have introduced a welfare scheme for tribals, scheduled castes and scheduled tribes in the backward areas of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and the total number of tribals and other weaker section benefited therefrom so far in the State?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) and (b). Bank of Maharashtra, the Convenor Bank for State Level Bankers' Committee (SLBC) for Maharashtra, has reported that the commercial banks in the State have not formulated any specific welfare schemes for tribals, Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in the backward areas of the State. However, banks in Maharashtra have been participating in the various poverty alleviation programmes which inter alia covers SCs and STs in the backward areas of the State.

Bank of Maharashtra has further reported that bank's performance under such programmes/schemes in providing assistance to SCs and STs in Maharashtra, as furnished by Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is given below:

Scheme	Loan sanctioned to SCs/STs during 1995-96 (Provisional)
1	2
	Number
Integrated Rural Development Programme	*83,284
Prime Minister's Rojgar Yojna	3800
Scheme for Urban Micro Enterprises	2209
Scheme for Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers	3103

* Number of families assisted during 1994-95.

Export of 'Pan'

2681. SHRI RAMASHRAYA PRASAD SINGH : Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government are aware that 'Pan' which is produced in Bihar, is very famous and have great potential for export to Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are taking any steps to promote the export of 'Pan' to Pakistan;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI BOLLA BULLI RAMAIAH) : (a) and (b). State-wise export figures are not maintained. However, the details of country-wise total quantity and value of 'pan' exported during 1993-94, 1994-95 and 1995-96 (upto January, 1996) which includes exports to Pakistan are given in the Annexure.

(c) to (e). While no specific steps to boost the export of 'pan' to Pakistan have been taken, the incentives announced for the agricultural sector and the changes made in the Exim Policy, 1992-97 ensuring easier availability of credit on cheaper terms etc. would apply to boost the export of 'pan'.

STATEMENT

Country-wise total quantity and value of 'pan' exported during 1993-94, 1994-95, and 1995-96 (upto January, 1996)

Q: in KG.
V: in Rs.

	1993-94		1994-95		1995-96 (upto January, 1996)	
	Qty.	Value	Qty.	Value		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Baharain IS	15	450				
Canada	22583	578261	34330	1031068	37017	1260237
Denmark	77	2190				
Egypt A RP	600	13800				

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
France	1437	14701	687	13532	860	25383
German F Rep	4863	106820	12764	273839	7349	257643
Hong Kong			200	4079		
Ivory Coast	1200	21603				
Japan	124	2910				
Kenya	13614	766273	12861	746545	9608	664845
Korea RP	200	15949				
Kuwait	20	280				
Maldives			6000	411156		
Nepal			9000	158426	460	5400
Pakistan	2059163	32928712	1953580	23511050	3117903	26586668
Portugal	1330	55880	424	21868	77	1482
Qatar						
Saudi Arab	24270	814224	22835	402635	1653	87416
South Africa						
Sri Lanka	38787	2545832	94887	6749714	69800	
Sweden	60	600	23	847		
Switzerland	1776	25623	2851	65697	2427	55642
Tanzania Rep	828	32794	1735	67081	647	52670
Uganda			125	2540		
U Arab Emts	9922	163946	2382	114567	1750	85768
U K	91125	1942255	102400	2456277	68321	1138579
U S A			9984	275578	1895	81891
Yemen Republic	3645	105763				
G. Total	2275752	40142623	2267052	36306627	2319,983	34404,261

Source : DGCI & S, Calcutta.

Revival of Sick Mills of JCI

2682. DR. KRUPASINDHU BHOI :
SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA :

Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state

(a) whether the Government have prepared a revival plan for the sick Jute Mills of Jute Corporation of India;

(b) if so, the number of Jute Mills of JCI which have been declared sick; and

(c) the details of the revival plan prepared by the Government?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R.L. JALAPPA): a) there are no jute mills of Jute Corporation of India Ltd.

(b) and (c). Do not arise.

Expert Committee Report of SEBI

2683. SHRI DADA BABURAO PARANJPE : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have received the report of the experts Committee of the Securities and Exchange Board of India about the Mutual Fund;

(b) if so, the broad details of the recommendations made for accounting, valuation of investments pricing of units of Mutual Fund; and

(c) the action taken or proposed to be taken on recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE AND MINISTER OF COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Committee's recommendations regarding accounting relate to policies for disclosures in annual accounts and marking to market of investments. On valuation of investments, the recommendations cover valuation of traded instruments, non-traded instruments, warrants, convertibles etc. On pricing of units, the recommendations include pricing of open-ended schemes, repurchase prices etc.

(c) The recommendations have been accepted by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). SEBI has initiated action for amending the SEBI (Mutual Funds) Regulations, 1993 based on the recommendations.